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GRAND FETE AT HILLSBOROUGH.

The birth-day of the Marquis of Downshire, upon the completing of his 21st year, was celebrated at Hillsborough on the 9th instant, and never have we seen a more imposing spectacle than was exhibited there on that day. Upwards of 4,500 persons, tenantry of the Kilwarlin estate, sat down to dinner at the same instant, and were plentifully supplied with the best that the season could afford. The bells of Hillsborough church, and the band of the Westmeath militia heightened the scene; witnessed by not less than 4,500 spectators besides those who dined. Our space is too confined to give a further detail of this magnificent fete, suffice it to remark, that the regularity, the decent demeanour, of the people on this occasion, evinced the extent of the influence which a good, generous, and courteous landlord can possess over his tenantry; and let it be an answer to those who are too ready to cast an imputation of mobishness and tumult on every thing *Irish*.

DOWN...*Married*...Ross Thompson, jun. esq. of Newry, to Miss Livingston, of said place.

Died...At Donaghadee, on Friday last, Mrs. Galbraith, widow of H. Galbraith, esq. late Port-surveyor of Larne.

L. DERRY...*Married*..Robert Ogilby, esq. of Dungiven, to Joice, eldest daughter of James Scott, esq. of Willsborough, in said county.

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN...*Married*...Mr. Ennis, to Miss Lawton, King's county. Ed. Archdall, esq. third son of Colonel Archdall, of Castle-Archdall, county Fermanagh, to Matilda, second daughter to W. Humphreys, esq. Gardiner's-row.

Died...The Earl of Arran, one of the Knights of St. Patrick. He is succeeded in his title by Lord Sudley. Mr. Arthur Martin, of Duke-street. In Mecklinburgh-street, Joseph M. Rainsford, esq.

MUNSTER.

CORK...*Married*...At Cork, B. Watkins, esq. First Lieutenant of the Druid frigate, to Miss Meade, of that city.

Died....At Cork, James Bennett, esq. M.D.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

From September 20, till October 20.

SOON after the report for last month was sent to the press, a favourable change took place in the weather, which has continued with very little intermission ever since, and the crops of course have been generally got safe in, except in the early part of the change, that some farmers were induced, by a fear of the return of wet weather, to stack their grain before it was quite fit for it.

The wheat crops are evidently defective in a general way, through the province of Ulster, and the flour made from the new grain is much complained of; in the more southerly quarters of the kingdom, it is said to be much better.

Oats will prove a good average crop in a general way, and the complaints of the thinness of the barley crops now appear to have less foundation, than was at first apprehended.

The taking up the potatoes is in great forwardness, and they appear to turn out of the ground a tolerable crop, and are sold in the markets at a reasonable price; there has seldom happened a finer season for the purpose; if those who plant their potatoes in the drill way, would get into the practice of raising them with the plough, instead of the spade, they would save themselves much trouble and expense, labourers are now become so scarce, and the price of labour so much raised, that it behooves the farmer to adopt every eligible plan that would reduce his expenses, and enable him to meet the great increase of rent.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

IN the wide spreading devastations of war, as nations became more commercial, it was to be expected that commerce should especially feel its effects as one of the means of annoyance towards enemies. Neutrals also were involved; and the haughty combatants of either side refused to permit a free intercourse of the neutral flag; first, under pretence of preventing the contraband of war, such as naval stores, &c. being carried; and in this war, the difficulties to neutrals have been further extended by the fiction of declaring whole countries in a state of blockade, when their ports were not actually invested. This is one object of contest between this government and the United States of North America. Bonaparte, with the usual dexterity which he employs to bring the principles of reform to his aid, in a letter from the minister of